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REMARKS

Claim 17 is amended and claims 28-33 are added herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 13, 14, 17, 18, and 20-33 will be pending in the above-identified application.

Section 102 - Dedrick

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 13, 14, 17, 18, and 20-27 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,717,923 (Dedrick).

Claims 13 and 26

Claims 13 and 26 recite, among other things, a terminal unit for use by a user adapted for accumulating terminal use record information upon use of the terminal unit by the user and profile information of the user generated on the basis of the terminal use record information, wherein at least one of the terminal use record information and the profile information includes identifying information about the terminal unit, and a server accessible by the terminal unit adapted for producing the profile information based on the accumulated terminal use record information.

Dedrick discloses an apparatus for customizing electronic information to individual end users including a client system 12 and a server 14. Dedrick fails to show terminal use record information and/or profile information including identifying information about the terminal unit. The Office Action asserts that the session manager has to know the terminal IP address. (see Office Action, page 3, lines 16 and 17). However, Dedrick does not show that any information about the terminal unit is part of record information or part of profile information, as claimed.

Further, Dedrick fails to show a terminal unit for use by a user adapted for accumulating terminal use record information upon use of the terminal unit by the user and profile information of the user generated on the basis of the terminal use record information and a server accessible by the terminal unit adapted for producing the profile information based on the accumulated terminal use record information. Specifically, the client system 12 of Dedrick does not accumulate the profile information that is produced by the server. The client system 12, and particularly the client activity

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monitor 24 thereof, produces the data that is accumulated by the personal profile database 27 of the system. (see column 5, lines 36-40). In the present invention, the server produces the information that is accumulated by the terminal unit. Further, the server 14 of Dedrick requests information from the terminal unit (column 5, lines 30-33), but the database 27 of the client system 12 does not store profile information that is produced by the server, as claimed regarding the storing system.

Claims 14 and 17

Claims 14 and 17 recite, among other things, a terminal unit comprising transmitting means for transmitting the use record information accumulated in storing means to profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit for every prescribed timing and profile information writing means for receiving the profile information of the user based on the use record information which is transmitted from the profile information generating means and writing the received profile information in the storing means, wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit.

As shown above regarding claims 13 and 26, Dedrick does not show use record information and/or profile information including identifying information for the terminal unit. Further, Dedrick fails to show profile information writing means for receiving the profile information of the user based on the use record information which is transmitted from the profile information generating means and writing the received profile information in the storing means. The Office Action identifies "statistic compilation process 26" as the profile information generating means of the present claims. (see page 6, line 3). However, the statistic compilation process 26 is not remote from the terminal unit, as claimed regarding the profile information generating means.

Claims 18 and 20

Claims 18 and 20 recite, among other things, a terminal unit comprising use record information writing means for writing use record information used by a user in prescribed storing means detachably provided in the terminal unit for storing profile information of the user so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit and profile information writing

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means for writing profile information of the user in the storing means, wherein the profile information is generated by a profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit on the basis of the use record information accumulated in the storing means, and wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit.

As shown above, Dedrick does not show use record information and/or profile information including identifying information for the terminal unit. Further, Dedrick fails to show writing means for writing profile information in the storing means wherein said profile information is generated by a profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit. Specifically, the Office Action identifies the statistic compilation process 26 of Dedrick as the profile information generating means of the present claims. (see page 6, line 3). However, the statistic compilation process 26 is not remote from the terminal unit, as claimed regarding the profile information generating means.

Claims 21 and 22

Claims 21 and 22 recite, among other things, an apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus comprising profile information generating means for generating profile information of a prescribed user based on use record information of the terminal unit of the user transmitted from the terminal unit, wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit, transmitting means for transmitting the generated profile information to the terminal unit, and storing means detachably provided in the terminal unit for accumulating the use record information and the profile information so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit.

As shown above, Dedrick does not show use record information and/or profile information including identifying information for the terminal unit. Further, Dedrick fails to show an apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, the apparatus comprising profile information generating means for generating profile information of a prescribed user based on use record information of

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the terminal unit of the user transmitted from the terminal unit, transmitting means for transmitting the generated profile information to the terminal unit, and storing means detachably provided in the terminal unit for accumulating the use record information and the profile information so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit. Specifically, the Office Action identifies the statistic compilation process 26 of Dedrick as the profile information generating means of the present claims. (see page 6, line 3). However, the statistic compilation process 26 is not remote from the terminal unit, as claimed. Therefore, Dedrick fails to show transmitting means remote from the terminal unit for transmitting profile information generated by the remote profile information generating means to the terminal unit or storing means for accumulating such profile information, as claimed. In addition, regarding the transmitting means, the Office Action apparently identifies the session manager 29 as the transmitting means by referring to column 5, lines 20-40, of Dedrick, which detail operation of the session manager. However, the session manager 29 is part of the client system 12 and thus not remote from the terminal unit, as claimed.

Claims 23-25

Claims 23-25 recite, among other things, an apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, the apparatus comprising profile information generating means for generating profile information of a prescribed user based on use record information of the terminal unit of the user transmitted from the terminal unit, wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit, and storing means for storing the profile information thus generated, wherein the storing means is a storage medium detachably provided in the terminal unit so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit.

As shown above, Dedrick does not show use record information and/or profile information including identifying information for the terminal unit. Further, Dedrick fails to show an apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, the apparatus comprising profile information generating means for

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generating profile information of a prescribed user based on use record information of the terminal unit of the user transmitted from the terminal unit and storing means for storing the profile information thus generated, wherein the storing means is a storage medium detachably provided in the terminal unit so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit. Specifically, Dedrick fails to show profile information generating means that are remote from the terminal unit for generating profile information of a user and, thus, also fails to show storing means for storing such profile information, as claimed.

Claim 27

Claim 27 recites, among other things, a user information processing system comprising a terminal unit adapted to accumulate terminal use record information upon use of the terminal unit by a user, a storage medium detachably provided in the terminal unit so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit, and a server adapted to generate profile information of the user based on the terminal use record information accumulated by the terminal unit, wherein the terminal unit is adapted to accumulate the profile information generated by the server, and wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit.

As shown above, Dedrick does not show use record information and/or profile information including identifying information for the terminal unit. Further, Dedrick fails to shown a server adapted to generate profile information of the user based on the terminal use record information accumulated by the terminal unit, wherein the terminal unit is adapted to accumulate the profile information generated by the server. Specifically, Dedrick fails to show a terminal unit adapted to accumulate profile information generated by the server. Instead, the client system 12 of Dedrick accumulates information generated by a component 24 of itself and, when the server requests information, compiles the generated information in another component 26 of itself. (see column 5, lines 21-49). Because, the server 14 in Dedrick does not send

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profile information to the client system 12, Dedrick fails to show a terminal unit adapted to accumulate profile information generated by the server, as claimed.

Because the reference fails to show every feature of each claim, the rejection is improper. Accordingly, Applicants request the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that there is any issue that could be resolved by an interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

As it is believed that application is in condition for allowance, a favorable action and Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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